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# Ecosystem multifunctionality is positively affected by remotely sensed biodiversity at global eddy covariance sites

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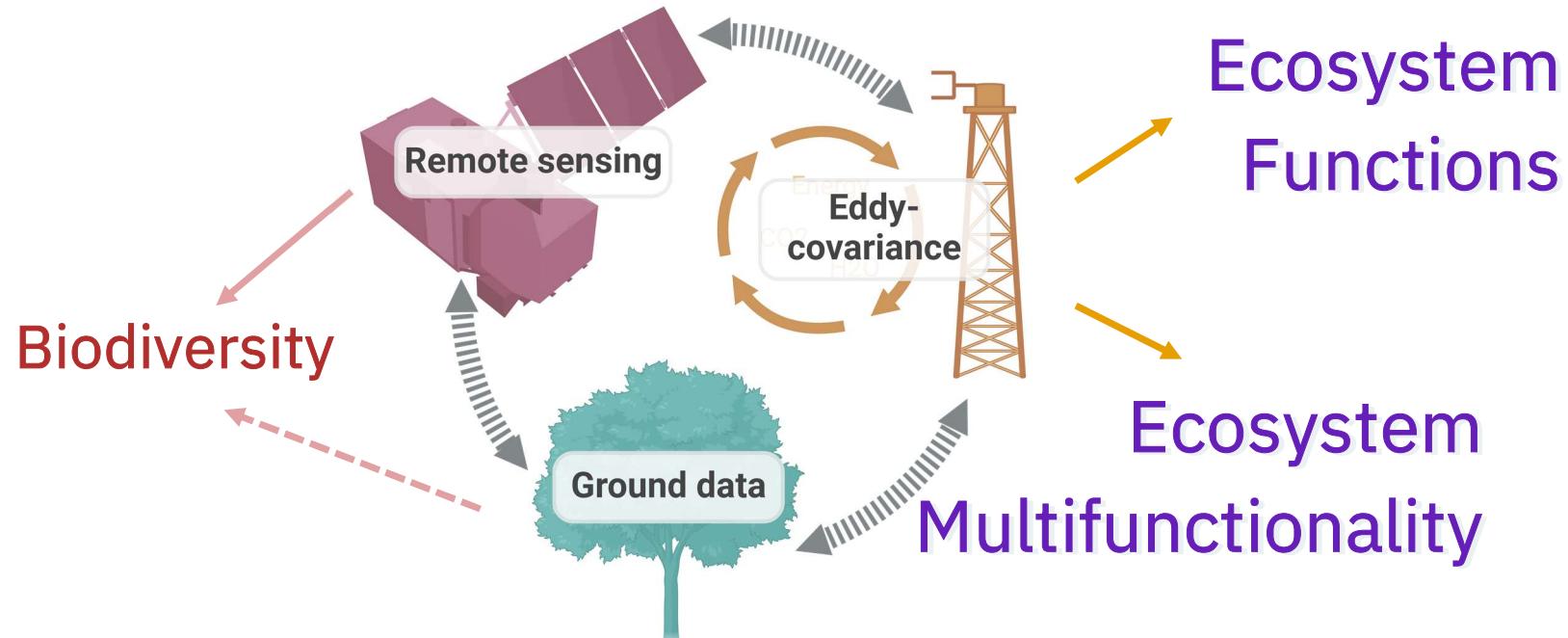
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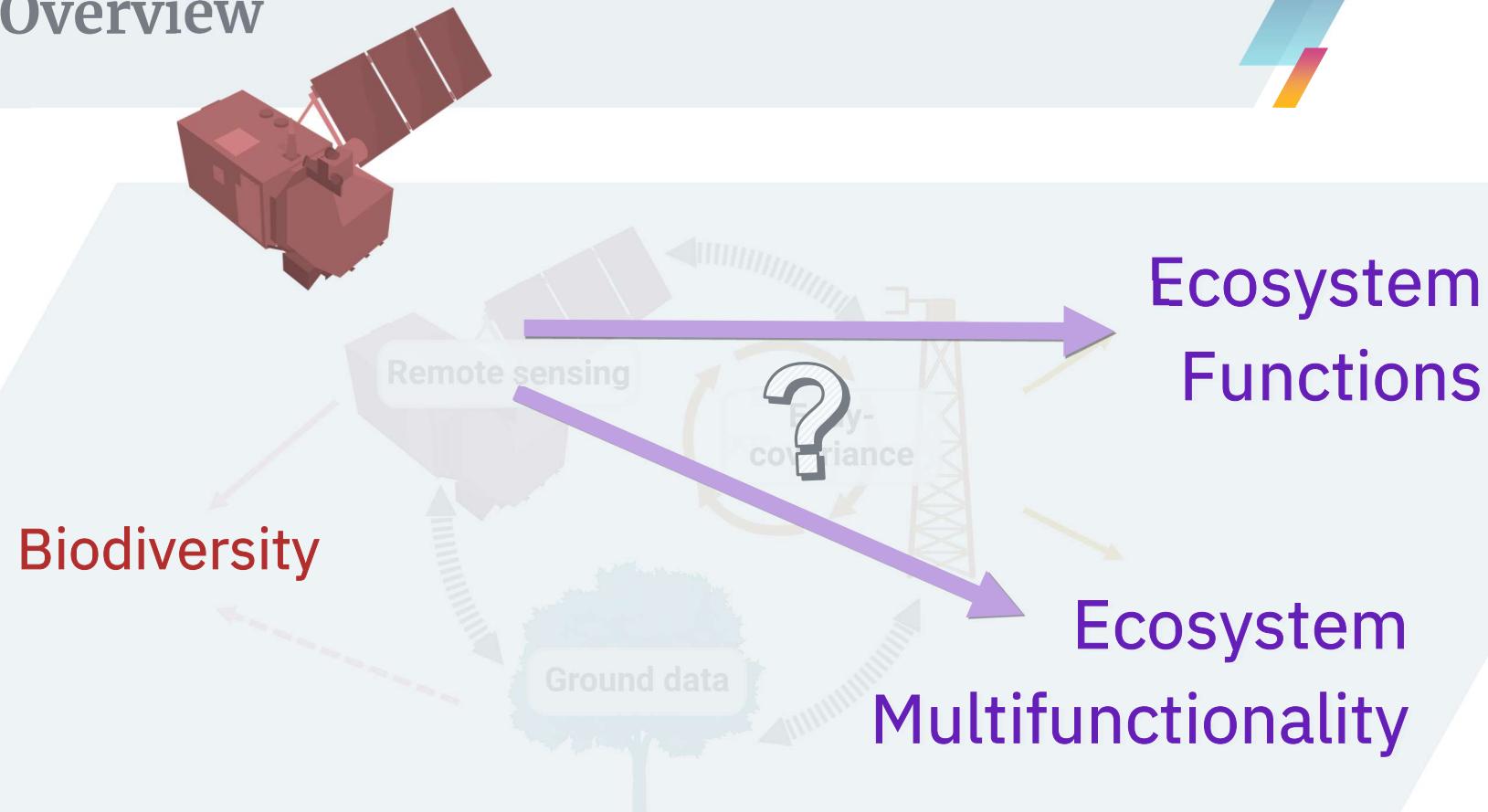


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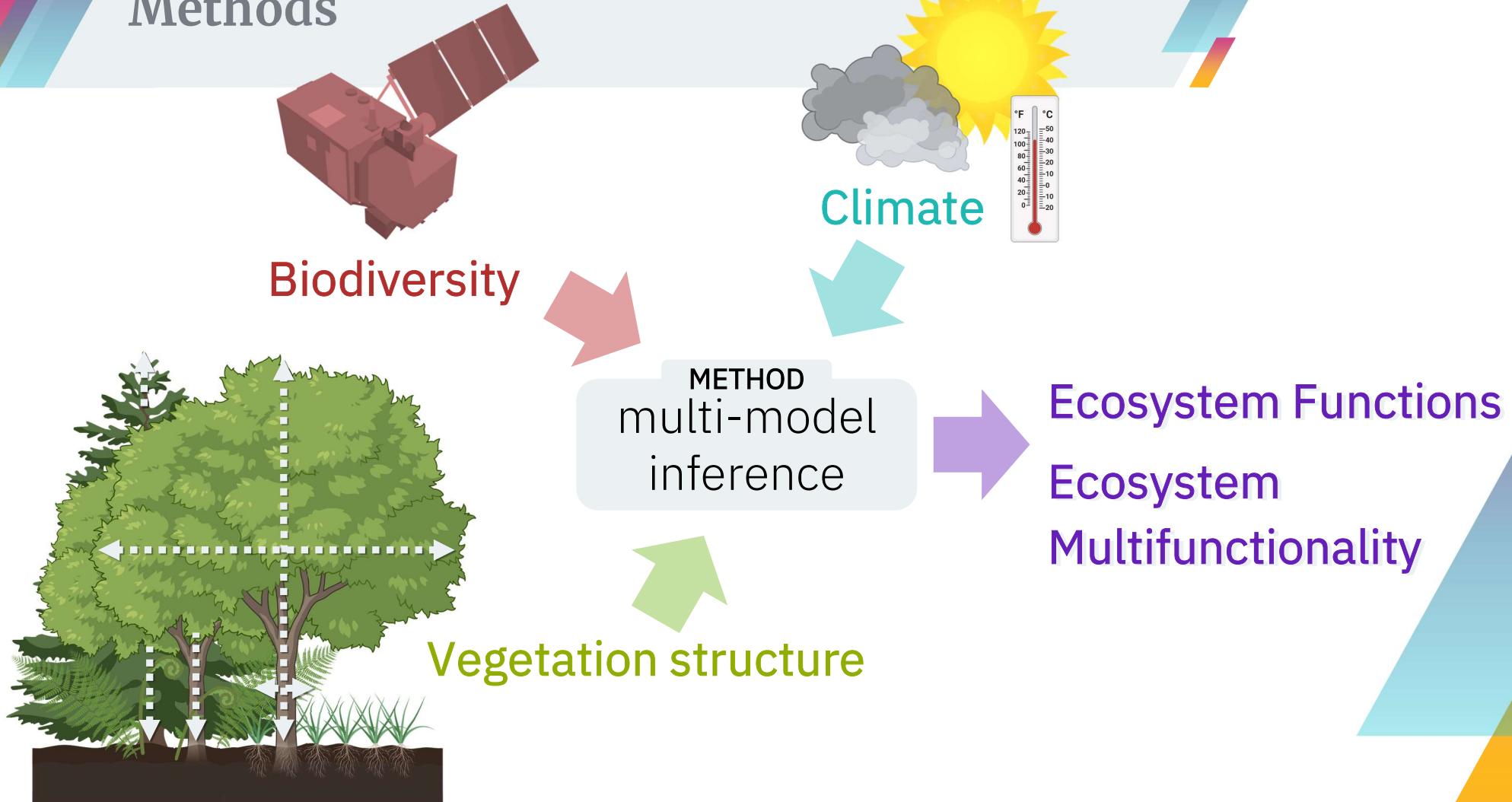


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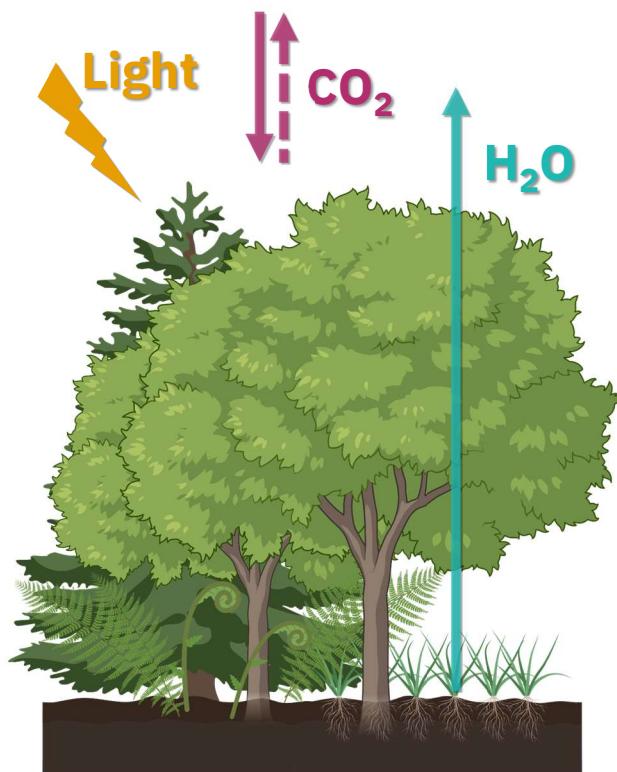




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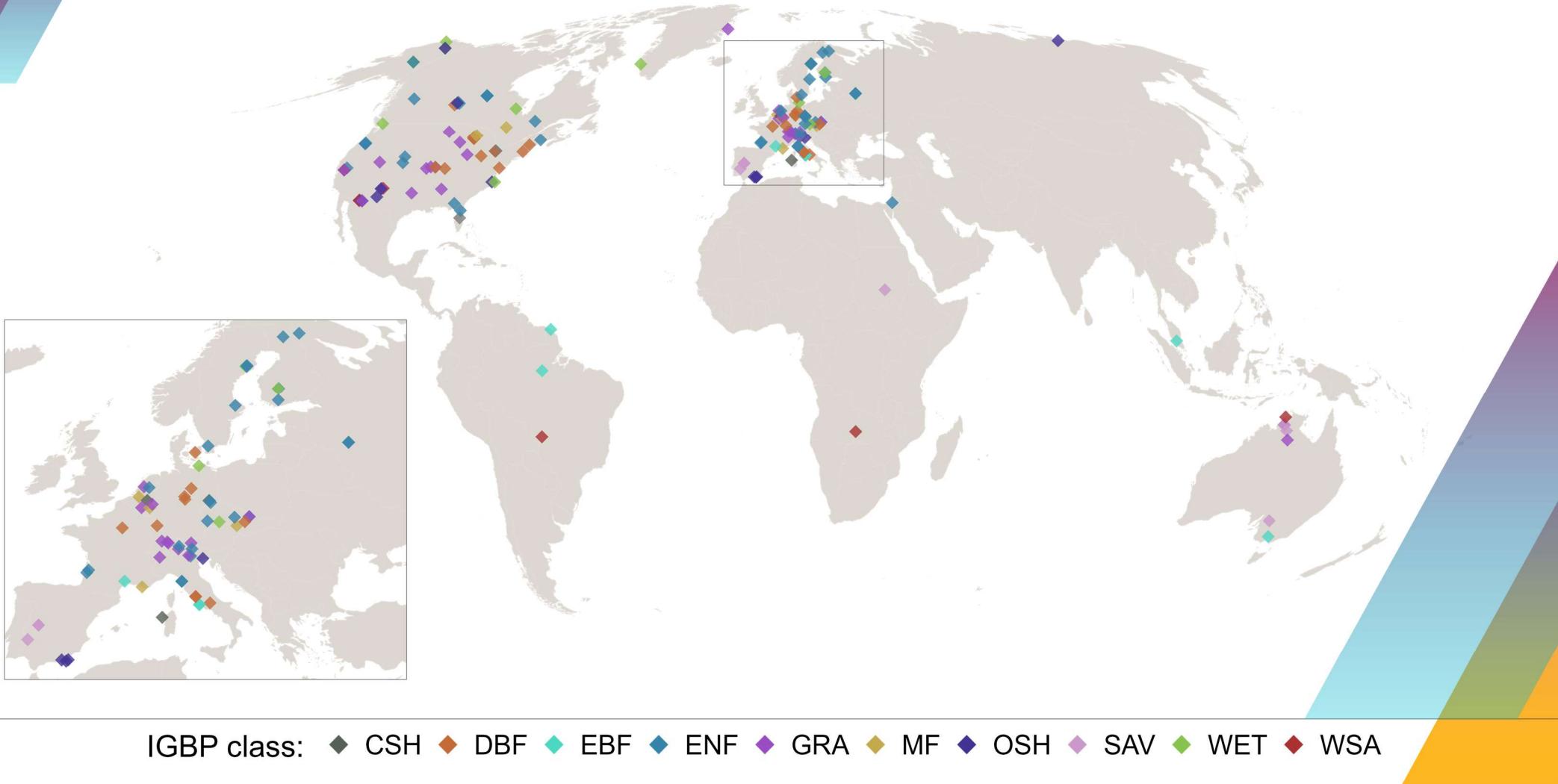
# Ecosystem Functions



- Maximum Net Ecosystem Productivity ( $NEP_{max}$ )
- Photosynthetic capacity ( $GPP_{sat}$ )
- Carbon Use Efficiency ( $CUE_{eco}$ )
- Surface conductance ( $Gs_{max}$ )
- Water Use Efficiency (WUE)
- “Summarized”: **Multifunctionality**

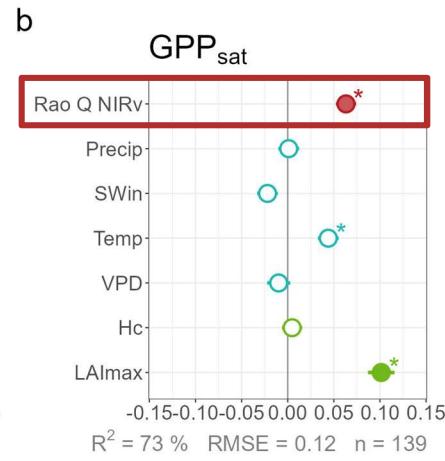


# Global dataset





# Biodiversity – Ecosystem Functions



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## Predictor type

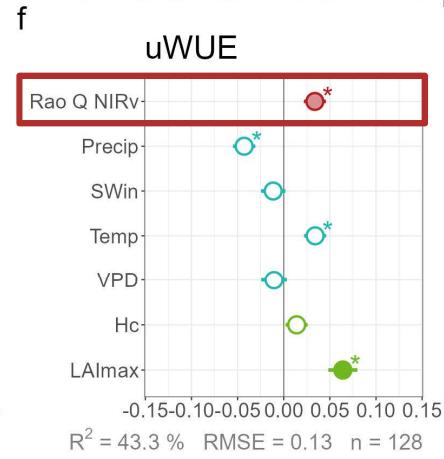
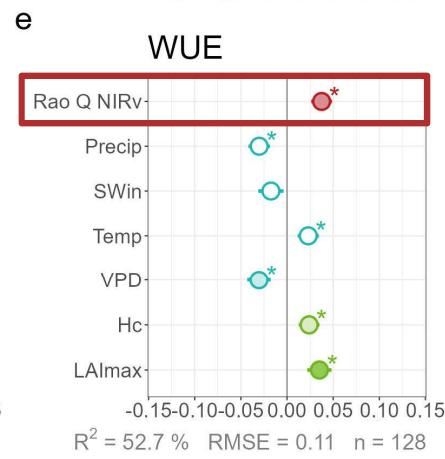
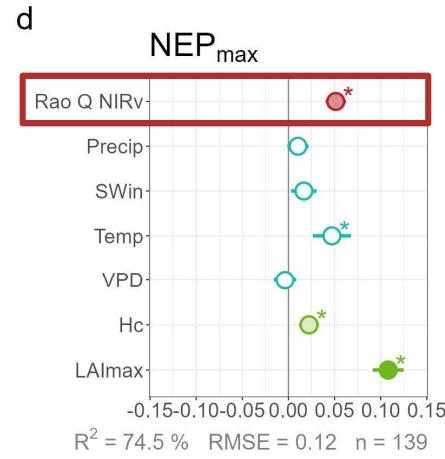
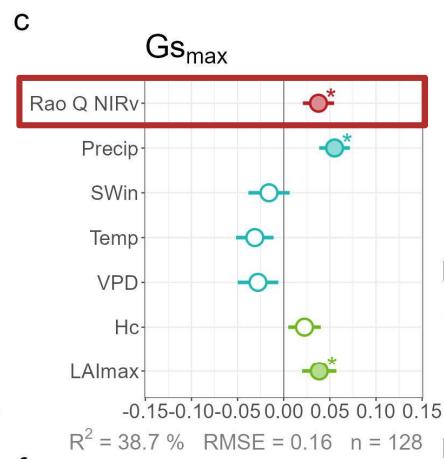
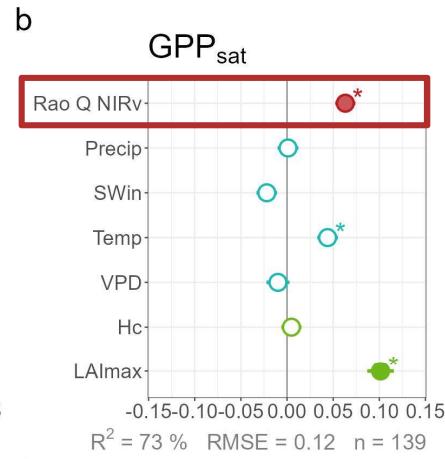
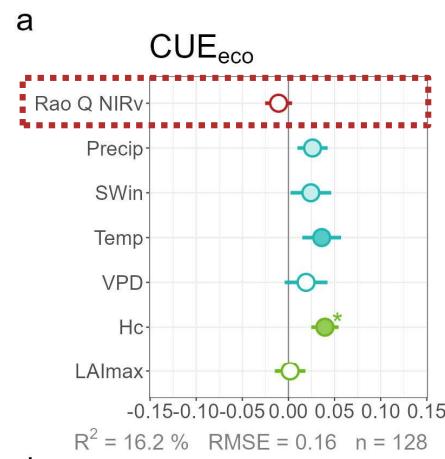
- Biodiversity
- Climate
- Structure

## Relative importance

- 0%-10%
- 10%-20%
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- 40%-100%



# Biodiversity – Ecosystem Functions



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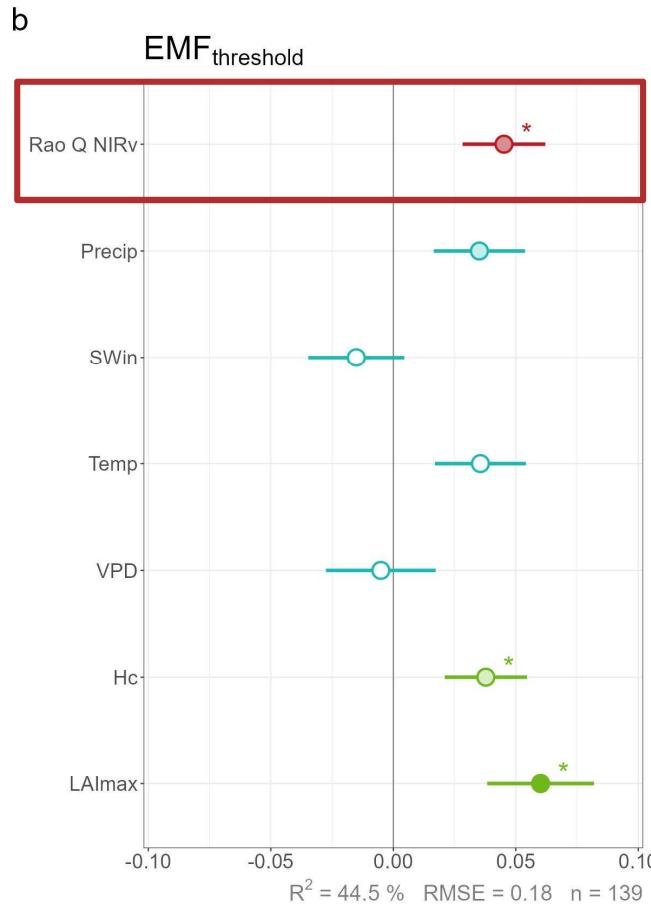
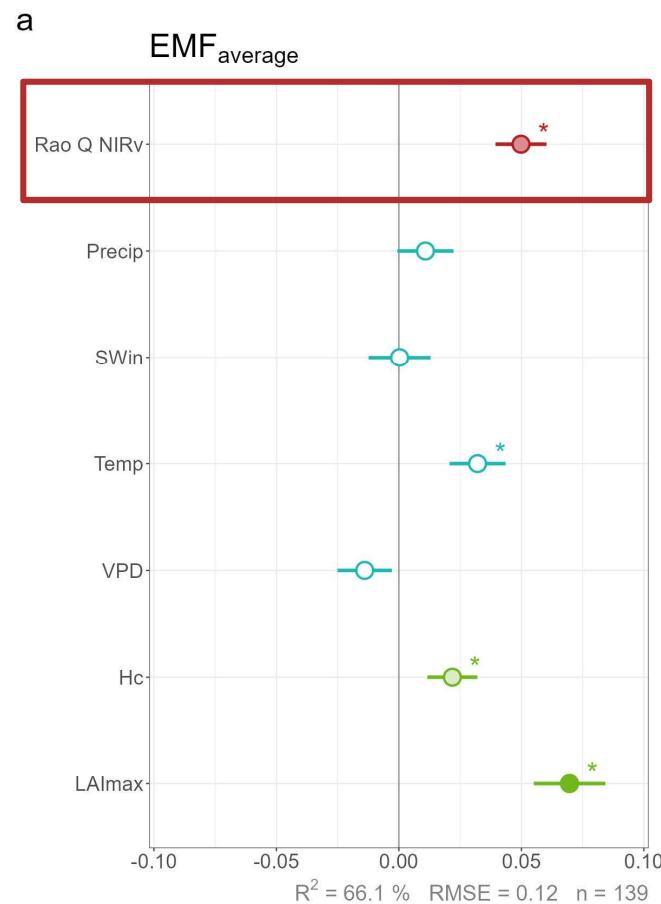
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# Biodiversity – Multifunctionality



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## Summary

• Biodiversity generally positively affects ecosystem (multi-) functionality globally at the ecosystem scale

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• Spectral heterogeneity (Rao Q) can characterize the global B-EF relationship (NIRv > NDVI)



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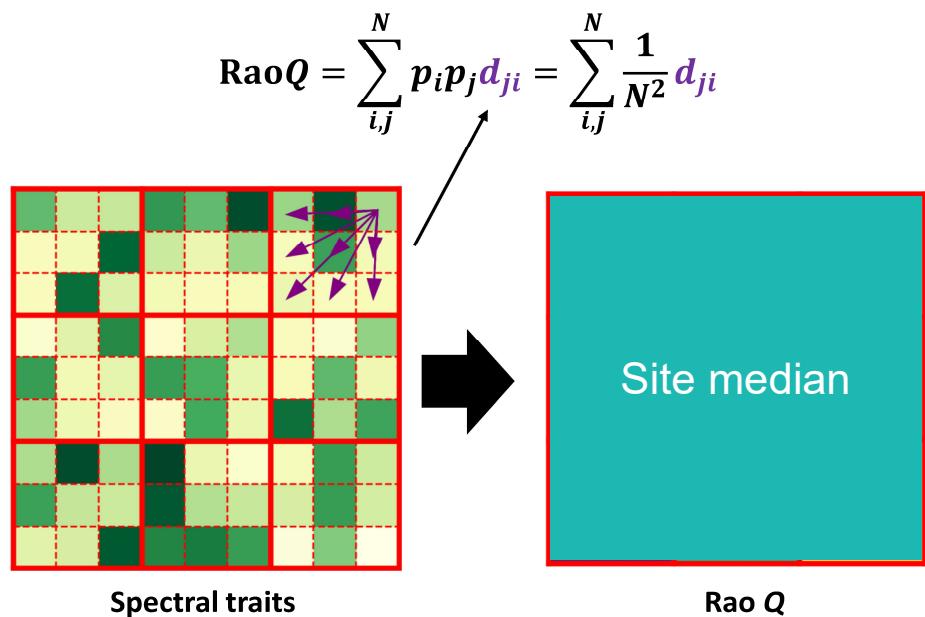


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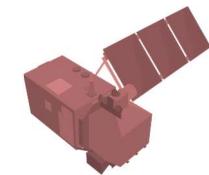


# Biodiversity metrics

- Rao's Q: difference between spectral values in 3x3 pixel windows  
(Rocchini et al., 2017, Pacheco-Labrador et al., 2023)



• From Sentinel 2 at 20 m

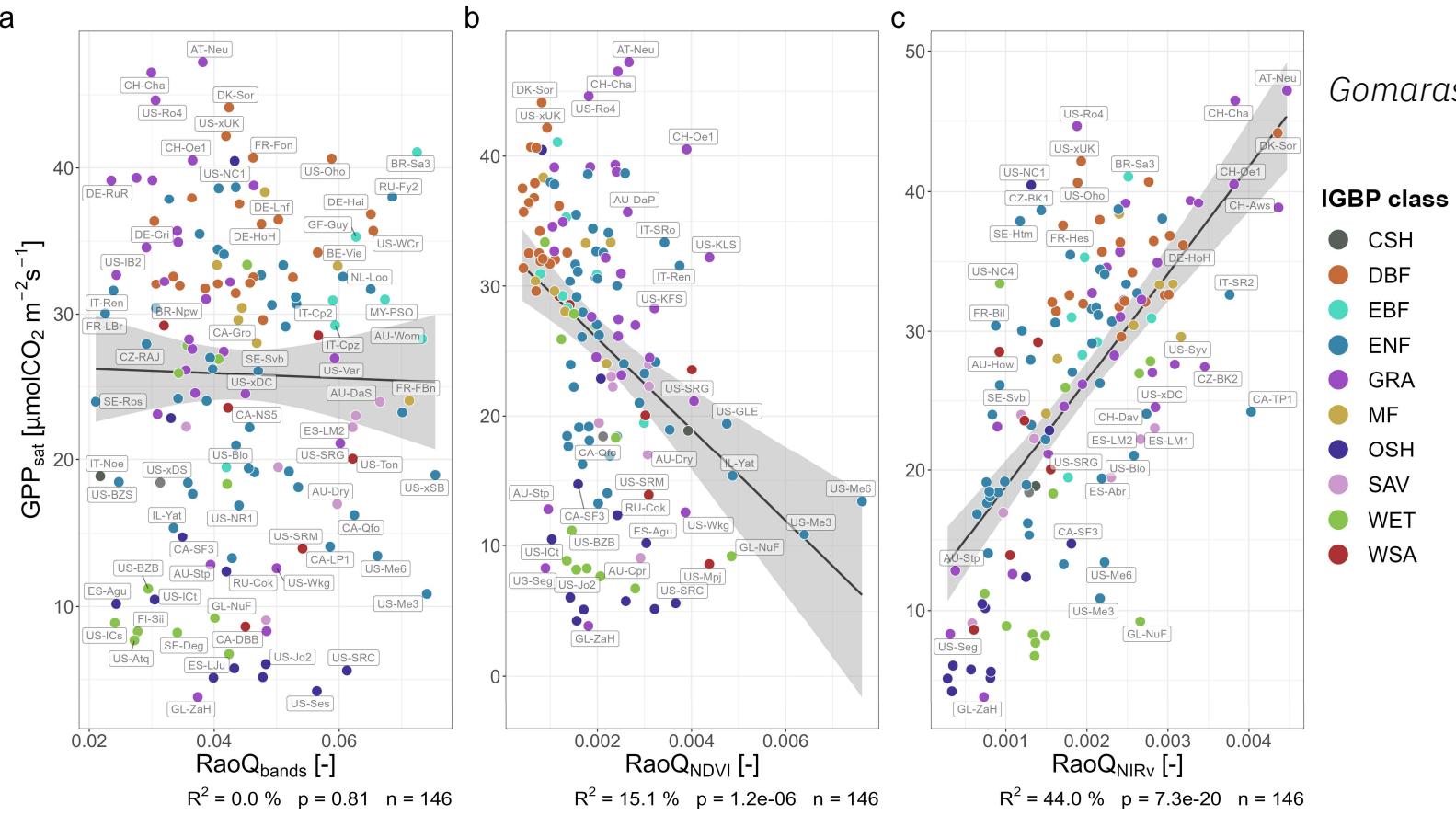


• All bands (visible, NIR)

$$\text{NDVI} = \frac{\text{NIR} - \text{red}}{\text{NIR} + \text{red}}$$

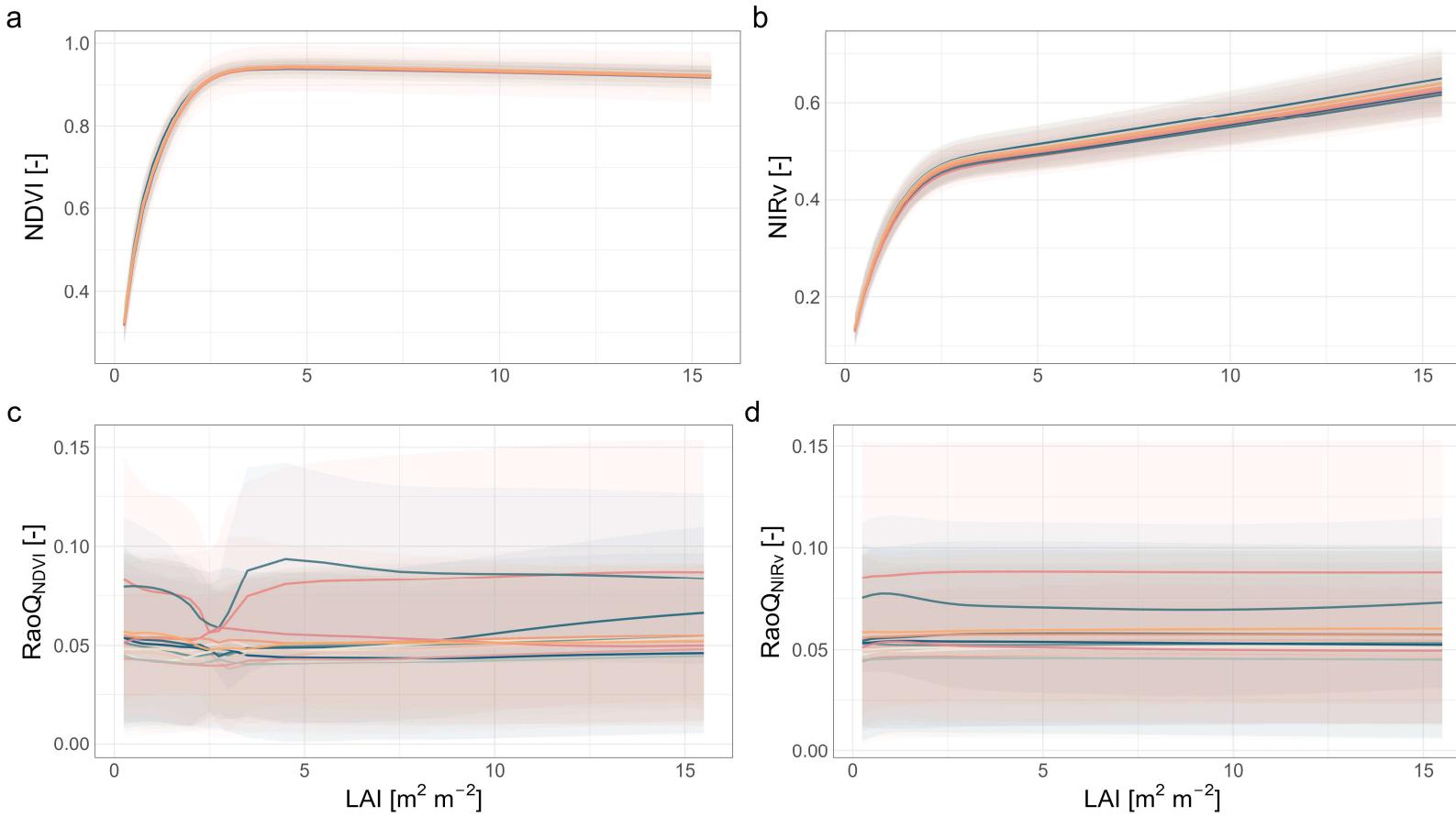
$$\text{NIRv} = \frac{\text{NIR}}{\text{NDVI}}$$

# Rao Q: choice of vegetation index



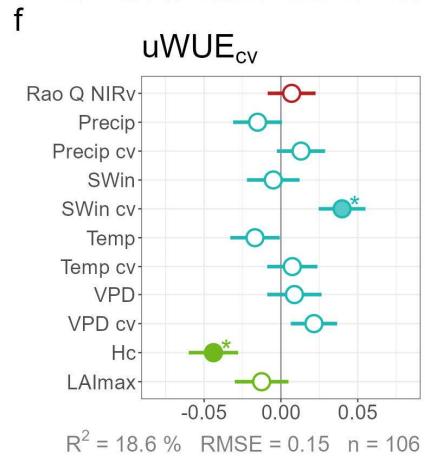
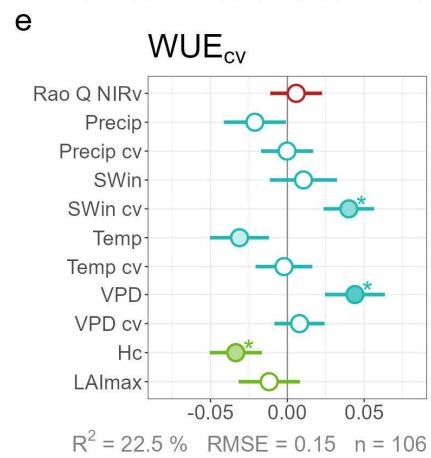
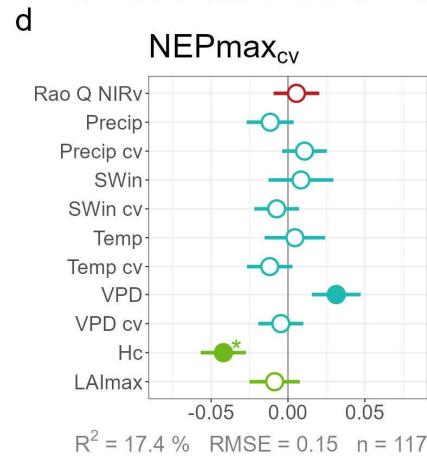
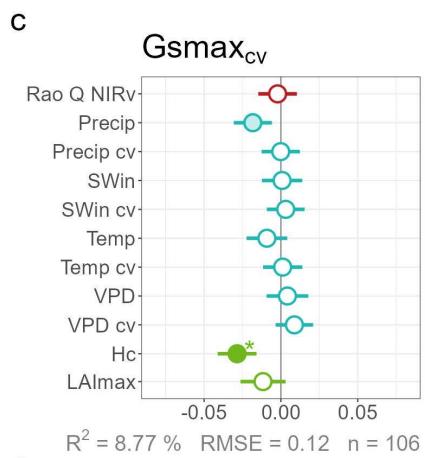
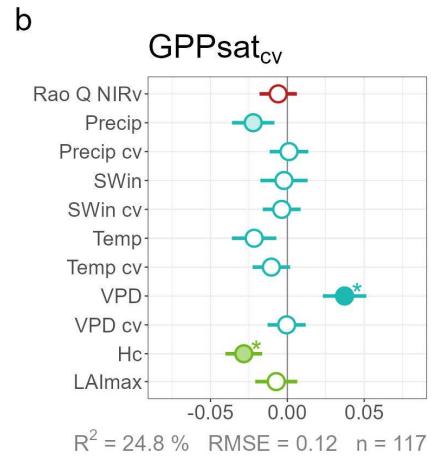
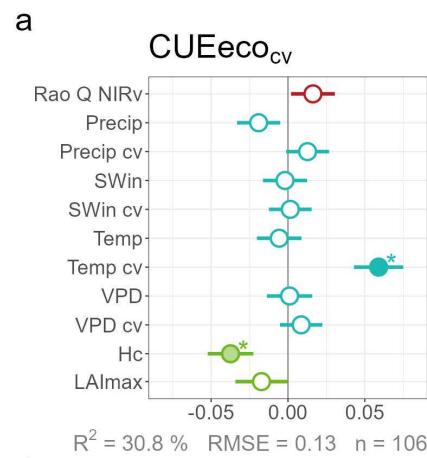
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## Rao Q choice: simulations





# Ecosystem Stability



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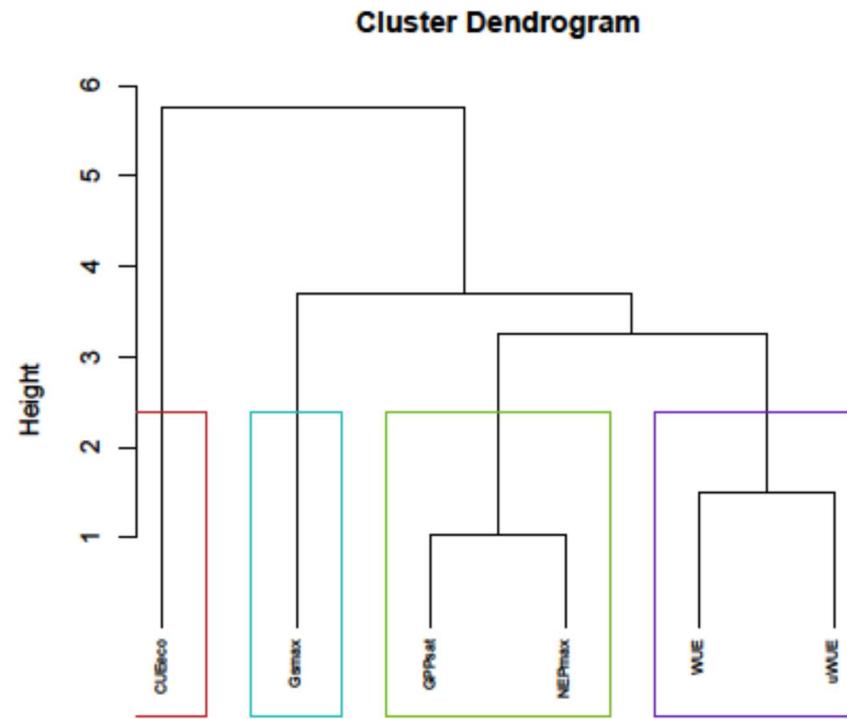
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# Ecosystem Multifunctionality (EMF)

- Cluster analysis (Manning et al., 2018)
- Average of EFPs
- Threshold of EFPs above 0.5





## Methods

### Predictors

- Biodiversity (ground/satellite)
- Meteorology
- Structure

### Ecosystem functional properties

- $\text{NEP}_{\max}$
- $\text{GPP}_{\text{sat}}$
- $\text{CUE}_{\text{eco}}$
- $\text{Gs}_{\max}$
- WUE
- uWUE

### Multi-model inference

- Automatic model selection and averaging
- Based on AIC
- Linear models

### Relative importance analysis



## Ecosystem Functional Properties

- „ Surface conductance ( $G_{\text{max}}$ ) = 90th percentile of half-hourly surface conductance from inverted Penman-Monteith equation (Migliavacca et al., 2021)
- „ Carbon-use efficiency ( $CUE_{\text{eco}}$ ) = 90th quantile regression slope of half-hourly ratio  $\text{NEP}/\text{GPP}$
- „ Photosynthetic capacity ( $\text{GPP}_{\text{sat}}$ ) = maximum half-hourly GPP under optimal light conditions in 5 days moving windows (Musavi et al., 2016)
- „ Net Ecosystem Productivity ( $\text{NEP}_{\text{max}}$ ) = 95th percentile of half-hourly NEP
- „ Water-use efficiency (WUE) =  $\text{GPP} / \text{ET}$
- „ uWUE = underlying water-use efficiency =  $\text{GPP} \cdot \sqrt{(\text{VPD})} / \text{ET}$